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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 4808

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SUBJ: SOVIET-CHINESE NEGOTIATIONS FOR 1975 TRADE AGREEMENT

REF: PEKING 416

1. PRC EMBASSY MOSCOW COUNSELOR TSIEN CHI-SHEN RECENTLY
MADE FEW COMMENTS TO FRG ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ON STATUS OF
SOVIET-PRC TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN QUIETLY UNDER-
WAY IN MOSCOW SINCE MARCH 10.

2. ACCORDING TO TSIEN, NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING SLOWLY AS
USUAL. TOTAL 1975 PLANNED TURNOVER WILL BE, AS EXPECTED,
IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 210 MILLION RUBLES (ABOUT US DOLS 300
MILLION ON BASIS OF CURRENT OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE OF
US DOLS 1.43 EQUALS ONE RUBLE.)

3. COMMODITY STRUCTURE IS EXPECTED TO DIFFER LITTLE FROM
1974 AND 1973. EARLY IN NEGOTIATIONS CHINESE ASKED SOVIETS
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FOR A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC ITEMS OF METALLURGICAL EQUIPMENT.

AFTER A FEW DAYS SOVIETS RESPONDED THAT NONE OF THE ITEMS
WHICH THE CHINESE HAD REQUESTED IS AVAILABLE FOR
EXPORT.

4. TSIEH WAS VAGUE ON WHEN NEGOTIATIONS WILL
WIND UP, BUT MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF MID-MAY.
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